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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 4890

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, TW, US
SUBJECT: LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN OPPOSING U.S. CHINA POLICY

1. A WELL-PUBLICIZED "ONE MAN, ONE LETTER" CAMPAIGN
OPPOSING NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS IS PRODUCING
A FLOOD OF LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY
VANCE, AND THE U.S. CONGRESS. LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE
CHINA POST REPORTED AUGUST 7 THAT THE TAIPEI POST OFFICE
HAS RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF 2,000 LETTERS A DAY FOR THE
PAST WEEK, AND HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A TOTAL OF MORE THAN
40,000 LETTERS TO PRESIDENT CARTER SINCE MID-JULY. THE
EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL HUNDRED LETTERS WITH REQUESTS
TO FORWARD THESE COMMUNICATIONS TO WASHINGTON. DETAILED
TRANSLATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UP TO 100 LETTERS PER
WEEK IS PLACING UNDUE BURDEN ON STAFF AND DIVERTING OUR
RESOURCES FROM HIGHER PRIORITY TASKS.

2. THEREFORE, INSTEAD OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND FORWARDING
THIS MAIL, EMBASSY PLANS TO TABULATE THE LETTERS ACCORDING
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TO ADDRESSEES AND SEND THE RESULTS IN A MONTHLY CABLE TO
THE DEPARTMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR REVIEW OF CONTENT
BUT PLAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONLY LETTERS FROM PROMINENT GROC
OFFICIALS AND GROUPS. THIS WILL HOPEFULLY REDUCE THE
TAKS TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS WHILE STILL SATISFYING
PROMINENT OR VOCAL WRITERS. POST WILL HOLD ALL LETTERS
AND DESTROY THREE MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT, POUCHING ONLY

REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE TO GIVE DEPARTMENT FLAVOR OF LETTERS
RECEIVED HERE.

3. WE ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE LOCAL PRESS INQUIRY REGARDING
EMBASSY'S HANDLING OF LETTERS. IF ASKED, WE PLAN TO REPLY
THAT EMBASSY IS KEEPING WASHINGTON INFORMED OF THE CONTENT
AND VOLUME OF THIS LETTER CAMPAIGN.

4. ABOVE PROCEDURES APPLY ONLY TO LETTERS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE SENATE. WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO TRANSLATE
AND FORWARD LETTERS ADDRESSED TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
BY NAME.

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